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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action 02/12/2003 holding that applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither one of which is "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct invention I comprising claims 1-8 for further substantive consideration in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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